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METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Meteorological Observatory at Jabalpur was set up in 1875 by the World Meteorological Organization;
- (b) whether the faculty of Radio Sonade and Radio Wave Laboratory will be provided at the meteorological observatory in Jabalpur, keeping in view its geographical importance;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up a flood forecasting and regional meteorological information centre at Jabalpur; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) No, Sir. A pilot balloon observatory was set up at Jabalpur by India Meteorological Department in 1928 for recording upper air observations and it is functioning there since then.
 - (b) There is no proposal at this stage to upgrade this observatory to Radio Sonade / Radio Wind observatory, as the existing Radio Sonade / Radio Wind stations at Raipur, Nagpur and Bhopal fully serve the requirements of this region.
 - (c) The Central Water Commission has already established a Flood Forecasting Division at Bhopal which is catering to the requirements of the region.
- There is no proposal to set up a Regional Meteorological Information Centre at Jabalpur. A full-fledged Meteorological Centre has been established in Bhopal and it meets the meteorological information requirement of Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh.
- (d) In view of the (c) above, does not arise, Sir.